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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/990,854

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christopher A. Daley

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to August 9, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-11, 14, 21, 22, 28 - 33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 9 – 11, 14, 21, 22, 28 – 33 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

2. Independent claim 28 is allowable over the prior art of record because the examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art found any motivation to combine any of said prior art. The following limitations were not found in the prior art of record:

An LPC controller coupled to said I/O bus and said docking connector adapted to detect whether the portable computer is coupled to a docking station via said docking connector, to route data transmissions from said I/O bus to said I/O ports if the portable computer is not coupled to a docking station via said docking connector, and to route data transmissions from said I/O bus to said low pin count serial I/O port of said docking connector if the portable computer is coupled to a docking station via docking station connector;

3. Dependent claims 9 – 11, 14, and 29 are rendered allowable, as associated independent claim 28 is allowable.

4. Independent claim 30 is allowable over the prior art of record because the examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art found any motivation to combine any of said prior art. The following limitations were not found in the prior art of record:

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An LPC controller coupled to said I/O bus and said docking connector adapted to detect whether the portable computer is coupled to a docking station via said docking connector, to route data transmissions from said I/O bus to said I/O ports if the portable computer is not coupled to a docking station via said docking connector, and to route data transmissions from said I/O bus to said low pin count serial I/O port of said docking connector if the portable computer is coupled to a docking station via docking station connector;

5. Dependent claims 21,22,31 - 33, and 29 are rendered allowable, as associated independent claim 30 is allowable.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher A. Daley whose telephone number is 571 272 3625. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 am. - 4p m.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached on 571 272 3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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